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The charge

and its

timing is probably intended to influence attitudes on the eve of the world Communist conference. The conference is scheduled to convene on 5 June, and the final preparatory meeting began yesterday.

The Soviets allege that the incident was precipitated by events on 2 May. Moscow is now asking advice of fraternal parties on how to proceed. Some parties--most notably the Italians--criticized both sides over the Ussuri clashes in March, and Moscow is apparently trying to gain maximum backing against the Chinese by proclaiming a policy of restraint.

the Sinkiang-Kazakhstan border was the scene of some sort of incident in early May; the Soviets leaked this version to Western newsmen in Moscow at that time. How closely the present Soviet version accords with the facts of the situation cannot be determined

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Nigeria: The federal air force has stepped up raids on Biafra's two operating airstrips, and influential civil servants are calling for attacks on the planes flying arms and relief supplies to the secessionists. turned down one

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The federal raids on the airstrips do not seem likely to disrupt the arms airlift significantly, but relief planes may be hit during these raids.

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